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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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US CL : 710/1, 68; 382/236, 238, 239

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,363,117 B1 (KOK) 26 March 2002, column 1, lines 47-67; column 2, lines 1-30; column 3, lines 40-61; column 4, lines 30-44; column 6, lines 35-50	1, 2, 13 and 14
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Y		3 and 15
Y, E	US 6,757,330 B1 (HSU) 29 June 2004, column 3, lines 44-63; column 4, lines 66-67; column 5, lines 1-65	3 and 15
A	US 6,563,874 B1 (LU) 13 May 2003, see entire document	4-12 and 16-20
A	US 6,269,174 B1 (KOBAYASHI et al) 31 July 2001, see entire document	1-20

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